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Exhibit 266

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1	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
2	FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA	
3	SOUTHERN DIVISION	
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5	IN RE: BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	
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1	hospital. Okay?
2	A. Yes.
3	Q. If a Blue does not enter that
4	county, how is the hospital in that county
5	harmed?
6	A. Well, they're harmed, because, by
7	definition, in the real world that is not the
8	case, they can't enter. And now That's how
9	they are harmed, that answers that question.
10	Q. How would you calculate How
11	would your model work, applied to a hospital in
12	a county in which a second Blue did not enter
13	in the but-for world?
14	MR. WHATLEY: Object to the form.
15	A. That's not in my model. My model
16	is to take the underlying shares from her
17	model, and as you've discussed, do the harm
18	estimates. So that's a question That
19	question I can't answer.
20	Q. Right. But your model assumes
21	that there's entry in the county; correct?
22	A. My model takes the harm estimates
23	from her model and multiplies them by the
24	actual allowed amounts and determines damages.
25	So you're conflating.

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1	that?
2	A. As I said, I don't have an
3	opinion on that.
4	Q. Do you agree with me that your
5	model does not account for any hospital that is
6	not in the second Blue's network?
7	A. As an economist, the only thing I
8	can say to that is would it be economically
9	rational to assume that a hospital now could
10	face more competition, it would increase its
11	outside option against Blue number one and
12	ignore them or not get in there, that makes no
13	sense. Beyond that, I have no opinion.
14	Q. Does your Do you agree with me
15	that your model does not account for the fact
16	of whether the second Blue
17	A. Not a fact. We know that it's
18	not a fact, so let's be careful.
19	Q. Sir, let's not talk over each
20	other.
21	A. I'm sorry.
22	Q. Do you agree with me that your
23	model does not account for the possibility of
24	one of the hospitals in the class not being in
25	the second Blue's network?

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1	A. My model My model doesn't make
2	an assumption about that one way or the other.
3	Q. Isn't it true that your model
4	assumes that all the hospitals, all one hundred
5	and six are in the networks of the second Blue?
6	A. My model assumes all one hundred
7	and six hospitals, administrators, would be
8	economically rational, yes, it assumes that.
9	Q. And you think it's economically
10	rational that that every hospital would be
11	in every second Blue's network?
12	A. Yes. For the reasons I just
13	explained.
14	Q. Is that what Cigna has in
15	A. I don't have an opinion on
16	Q in Alabama? Is that what
17	United has in Alabama?
18	A. I have There's all kinds of
19	other reasons. And I have no opinion beyond
20	what I've already said.
21	Q. Can you name any insurer in
22	Alabama, other than Blue Cross Blue Shield of
23	Alabama, that has every hospital in its
24	network?
25	A. Has no relevancy in anything I've